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Harford County Celebrates Bike to Work Day with Two Locations

(Bel Air, MD) - - With spring finally arriving, Harford County and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council celebrate May as *Clean Commute Month*. They are encouraging residents to Bike to Work at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Bel Air. County Executive David R. Craig, urges everyone to bike to work or try biking for fun, fitness or transportation.

The continually growing event has launched their website and online registration is now open. All County residents are invited to participate in the Bel Air event by registering at www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com, while those residents employed or having business at APG may register separately at www.B2W2014-apg.eventbrite.com. Citizens may participate in more than one event.

Rain or shine, the *Bike to Work Day* Rally at Aberdeen Proving Ground will be held Wednesday, **May 14th** from 7am to 9 am at APG North Recreation Center at Erie and Raritan Streets. The *Bike to Work Day* Rally at Bel Air will be held Friday, **May 16th**, 7am to 9am at the Harford County Government Administration Building located at 220 South Main Street.

The Rallies, hosted by Harford County Government and supported by the U.S. Army Garrison APG, promote riding a bicycle as a fun, viable, low-cost commuting option. This event is free, but registration is required. The Rally is sure to be exciting with special guests and dignitaries, local radio station WXCX 103.7 emceeding, possible televised coverage and interviews, bicycle tune-ups, and a Cyclist Parade route on APG and downtown Bel Air. An exhibition area featuring vendors and information is also available for attendees. Registrants to the Rallies will receive a **free Bike to Work Day** gift, refreshments, as well as a chance to win giveaways from our generous sponsors.

For those who wish to participate and cycle into the Rally, but do not wish to ride alone, there are bicycle convoys available with experienced cyclists leading the way.

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For those cyclists looking to tap into their competitive side, the Cycle Smackdown is once again being held. This event is a friendly, yet spirited competition, between businesses and organizations whereby employees from various sized companies or organizations compete against each other to field the most number of registrants to bike to work. Last year's recipients were **Ecotone, Inc.** for the small company category, **Survive Engineering** for the medium sized category, and **Upper Chesapeake Health System** for the large company category. Other participants were **ARC – Northern Chesapeake Region** and **Chesapeake Testing**. At Aberdeen Proving Ground the winning command was **AMSAA**.

Want to support BTWD? Many generous contributions from sponsors are being made. With the Coffee, Coffee of Festival at Bel Air, Bike Shop of Bel Air, Advanced Eye Care, Arena Club, Dunkin Donuts of Edgewood, Freedom Federal Credit Union, Looney's North, MaGerks, Survive Engineering and WXCY 103.7 as current sponsors. For more information on becoming a sponsor, call 1-800-924-8646 or email Alan Doran at rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov.

Harford residents are urged to "Bike in Good Company" and register for Bike to Work Day 2014 at APG: www.B2W2014-apg.eventbrite.com or Bel Air: www.B2WCentralMD.com or by calling 1-800-924-8646. Harford Commuter Assistance Rideshare – Smart for Your Wallet, Smart for Your World.

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